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SUBJ: KOREAN INITIATIVES FOR UPCOMING UNGA

REF: (A) SEOUL 6780, (B) STATE 192038

SUMMARY: ROK PUSHING FOR REPLY ON INTENTION MAKE APPROACHES IN CAPITALS TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION. ALSO INDICATE WILLINGNESS DELAY CIRCULATION OF MEMORANDUM IN NEW YORK UNTIL VIETNAM ADMISSION DECIDED. END SUMMARY.

1. MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR CHUNG WOO YOUNG CALLED POLCOUNS AFTERNOON AUGUST 17 TO ASCERTAIN IF WASHINGTON REACTION TO PROPOSED KOREAN INITIATIVE REPORTED REF A HAD BEEN RECEIVED. HE WAS ADVISED THAT REPLY NOT YET IN BUT EXPECTED SHORTLY. CHUNG STRESSED ROK NEED FOR QUICK RESPONSE IF EFFORT WAS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM RESULT.

2. CHUNG ALSO INFORMED POL COUNS THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED TIMING OF CIRCULATION OF PROPOSED ROK MEMORANDUM AT UN WITH FONMIN WHO RETURNED TO SEOUL OVER WEEKEND. HE NOTED US PREFERENCE FOR WAITING UNTIL COMMITTEE I ORGANIZATION WAS COMPLETED. HE REPORTS FONMIN SUGGESTED A COMPROMISE BETWEEN US AND ROK TIMING, I.E. CIRCULATION
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OF MEMORANDUM AFTER VOTE ON VIETNAM ADMISSION. POLCOUNS AGREED TO TRANSMIT NEW ROK TIME SCHEDULE TO WASHINGTON AND USUN FOR COMMENT. CHUNG NOTED THAT CIRCULATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VIETNAM VOTE WOULD STILL ALLOW TIME FOR POSSIBLE FAVORABLE MENTION IN SOME GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES.

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3. CHARGE HAD SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC WITH
FONMIN DURING CALL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. FONMIN APPEARED
MORE RELAXED THAN CHUNG, STATING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US
CONCERNS RE TIMING OF BOTH APPROACHES IN CAPITOLS
AND CIRCULATION IN NEW YORK COULD BE AS LATE AS 24-25
SEPTEMBER AND THAT APPROACHES IN CAPITOLS MIGHT BE DELAYED
UNTIL WEEK PRECEDING OPENING OF GENERAL DEBATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REPLY ON ROK INTENTION TO GO TO
CAPITOLS (REF A) AND COMMENT ON ROK WILLINGNESS DELAY
CIRCULATION OF MEMORANDUM IN NEW YORK UNTIL VIETNAM ADMISSION
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